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SUBJECT: TURKISH CANDIDACY TO REPLACE SPAIN ON
ILO GOVERNING BODY

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BEGIN SUMMARY: ACCORDING LABMIN OFFICIAL, GOS FEELS
COMMITTED SUPPORT TURKISH CANDIDACY FOR DEPUTY GOVT MEMBER
POSITION ON ILO GOVERNING BODY NOW HELD BY SPAIN, ALTHOUGH
SITUATION CONFUSED BY FRAGMENTATION IN SOUTHERN SUB-REGIONAL
GROUP AND BY LATTER'S DESIRE TO ALSO OBTAIN NEW FULL
MEMBER POSITION WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL BE ALOTTED TO
WESTERN EUROPEAN. END SUMMARY.

1. IN CONVERSATION TODAY WITH CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS OFFICE OF SPANISH LABOR MINISTRY, WHO ONE OF KEY
SPANISH OFFICIALS CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH ILO AFFAIRS.

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LATTER GAVE LABATT INFORMAL GOS READING ON TURKISH

CANDIDACY FOR ILO GOVERNING BODY.

2. OFFICIAL CONFIRMED THAT GOS COMMITTED SUPPORT TURKISH CANDIDACY FOR POST NOW HELD BY SPAIN AS A DEPUTY GOVT MEMBER OF ILO GOVERNING BODY. HE SAID COMMITMENT DERIVED FROM PREVIOUS 1972 ELECTION FOR THIS POST WHEN TURKS WITHDREW THEIR CANDIDACY IN SUPPORT OF SPAIN IN RETURN FOR INFORMAL COMMITMENT GOS WOULD SUPPORT TURKS FOR POST NEXT TIME AROUND.

3. SOURCE STATED, HOWEVER, THAT SITUATION RE SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SUB-REGION'S CANDIDACY FOR THIS POSITION SOMEWHAT CONFUSED. READING FROM REPORT LABMIN AND MFA HAD RECEIVED FROM SPANISH AMB IN GENEVA, SOURCE NOTED SUBGROUP HAD MET IN NOV TO CONSIDER ISSUE, AT WHICH MEETING BOTH SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE REPS HAD INDICATED THEY FAVORED TURKISH CANDIDACY FOR POST. REPS OF MALTA AND CYPRUS TOOK NO POSITION CLAIMING LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS AND GREEK REP WAS ABSENT. SOURCE CLAIMED CONFUSION DERIVES HOWEVER, FROM FACT SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SUBREGIONAL GROUP ALSO IS DESIROUS OF ADDITIONALLY OBTAINING NEW FULL GOVT MEMBER POSITION ON ILO GOVERNING BODY WHICH REPORTEDLY WILL CORRESPOND TO WESTERN EUROPE AS RESULT OF RECENT EXPANSION ILO GOVERNING BODY TO INCLUDE FOUR MORE FULL GOVT MEMBERS (I.E., FROM AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, ASIA, AND WESTERN EUROPE).

4. THUS, ACCORDING SOURCE'S INFO FROM GOS' AMB TO GENEVA'S REPORT, MALTESE REP AT GENEVA SUBSEQUENTLY TOLD GOS AMBASSADOR MALTA HOPED BE SUB-REGIONAL GROUP'S CANDIDATE FOR NEW WESTERN EUROPEAN FULL MEMBER POSITION ON ILO GOVERNING BODY, PORTUGUESE REP ALSO TOLD HIM PORTUGAL WOULD SEEK THAT POST, AND TURKISH REP ALSO TOLD HIM TURKEY WOULD PREFER NEW FULL MEMBER POSITION IN PREFERENCE TO DEPUTY MEMBER POST CURRENTLY HELD BY SPAIN. GOS AMB ALSO DID NOT EXCLUDE SPAIN'S POSSIBLY SEEKING NEW FULL MEMBER POSITION.

5. COMPLICATING SITUATION, ACCORDING SOURCE, WAS FACT NORDIC NATION ILO GROUP WANTS TO OBTAIN NEW FULL MEMBER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SEAT ALLOTTED TO WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP AT ILO FOR ITSELF AND HAS STRONG CANDIDATE IN NORWAY. SOURCE FELT NORDICS MORE LIKELY TO GET NEW FULL MEMBER WESTERN EUROPEAN SEAT ON ILO GOVERNING BODY, OR THAT IT MIGHT GO TO CENTRAL WESTERN EUROPEAN SUB-REGIONAL GROUP, THAN BADLY DIVIDED SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SUB-REGION. IN EVENT SOUTHERN SUB-REGION CANDIDATES UNABLE TO GET NEW FULL MEMBER WESTERN EUROPEAN SEAT, SOURCE FELT THIS MIGHT WEAKEN TURKEY'S PROSPECTS

FOR OBTAINING DEPUTY MEMBER POST CURRENTLY HELD BY SPAIN,
WITH AT LEAST MALTA PROBABLY CONTESTING TURKISH CANDIDACY
FOR DEPUTY MEMBER AND WITH PERHAPS EVEN PORTUGAL RENEGING
ON ITS PROMISE TO SUPPORT TURKEY FOR THAT POSITION AND
PRESENTING ITSELF AS A CANDIDATE.

6 COMMENT: CONVERSATION REVEALS GOS REPORTEDLY FEELS
OBLIGATED STICK BY ITS 1972 COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT TURKEY
AS CANDIDATE FOR CURRENT DEPUTY GOVT MEMBER POSITION HELD
BY SPAIN ON ILO GOVERNING BODY. SHOULD TURKEY INSTEAD
PUSH FOR NEW WESTERN EUROPEAN FULL MEMBER POSITION ON ILO
GOVERNING BODY, SPANISH SUPPORT FOR TURKEY LESS CERTAIN,
ALTHOUGH GOS MAY STILL FEEL OBLIGATED SUPPORT TURKEY.
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